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This "train" of Earth observing satellites is called the "A-train." They orbit together. They each take different measurements of the ocean, land, clouds, ice, and atmosphere. Play "Missions to Planet Earth" at spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/earth/card-game.

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SUNDAY
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY

National Humor Month. Read the little book *The First Annual Planet Awards*. Planets can be pretty funny when they compete.

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April Fool's Day. You might be fooled by some of the inventions in our What's Older? game.

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National Find a Rainbow Day. You won't find a rainbow of colors in a laser, though. Find out why not.  **NEW MOON**

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National Reading a Road Map Day. Try the Vec—→ Touring game, where you navigate one little part of the journey at a time.

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Encourage a Young Writer Day. Ever been inspired by a brilliant blue sky or a starry black sky? Write about it in this activity.

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First space shuttle was launched, 1981. They have carried most of the International Space Station to orbit. Can you spot the Space Station?

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Leonardo da Vinci was born this day in 1452. Ever wonder how most inventors do their work?

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Humorous Day. You will truly test your friends' sense of humor when you give them the Robot Puzzle to solve.

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Kindergarten Day. If you know a kindergartener, show him or her The Space Place coloring book, online or printed.

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Earth Day. You will find a treasure trove of games and fun facts on our Earth page.

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Astronomy Day. Listen to a Dr. Marc Podcast and learn more about our Milky Way galaxy, including how it got its name.

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Tell a Story Day. Read a couple of the storybooks on The Space Place, then make up your own story about space!

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Month of April: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/storybooks/#planetawards

Apr. 1: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/galex/whats_older

Apr. 3: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/laser

Apr. 4: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/st7/vectouring

Apr. 10: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/teachers_page2.shtml#bluesky

Apr. 12: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/teachers_page2.shtml#orbits

Apr. 15: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/teachers_page2.shtml#history

Apr. 19: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/robots/robot_puzzle.shtml

Apr. 21: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/coloring_book

Apr. 22: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/cs_earth.shtml

Apr. 24: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/podcast

Apr. 27: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/storybooks